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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Nothing But Routine—

Commissioners Sylvester Farrell, A. V. Pendleton, and F. J. Taylor, of the State Board of Pilots, met in regular session, for August, yesterday afternoon, President Pendleton presiding. Nothing but current bills and routine matters were considered and disposed of.

Will Open Bids—

The streets committee of the common council will open bids next Saturday afternoon for the work on Kensington avenue between Eighth and Eleventh streets, for improving Astor, between Sixth and Eighth, and for improving Third between Astor and Commercial.

Judge Trenchard Mentioned—

The Automobile Club of Portland, whose members are taking an active interest in the Good Roads meeting in that city, favors the election of John H. Scott of Salem as the official head of the good roads campaign, and will recommend Judge Trenchard for second choice, should the work require the work of two men.

Swedish Society—

At the Astoria theatre, August 29, the Swedish Dramatic Society of Portland will be seen in two performances, a matinee in the afternoon, and an evening performance. There will be an entire change of program at each performance. The society have an established reputation throughout the state, and their engagement in this city will undoubtedly prove a popular one.

Cities Will Enter—

Announcement is made that at least several cities will have entries in the illuminated night parade on the water during the regatta. The boat of each city will be known by a large electric sign of the name of the city, and it is probable that the city council will be asked to make an entry of a similar kind, as it is thought Astoria surely should not be backward in coming forward with entries for the gala week.

In Charge Of The Owl—

Arthur Daytn, the well known druggist, who last year made things pleasant behind the Hart pharmacy counters, will today take charge of the Owl Drug Store of T. F. Laurin, who will, about the first of the month, leave on a protracted visit, for the winter, to some country and climate a bit more merciful to the rheumatism, from which he has suffered for a long time past. Mr. and Mrs. Dayton are domiciled at the "Stevens."

Fisherman Arrested—

James Winters, for whom a warrant had been issued on a charge of assaulting Andrew Sjolund, another fisherman, was arrested yesterday morning. He appeared before Justice Goodman and asked that he be tried at once but inasmuch as the other side was not ready the trial was set for Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Winters denies that he struck Sjolund with an oar, and says that the latter provoked the altercation.

Heavy Equipment—

Capt. W. A. Johnston, Astoria agent for the McCabe Stevedoring Company of Portland, yesterday morning received, via the steamer Harvest Queen, a fine large, six-and-one-half ton donkey engine to be used in the company's work with ships here. It is a monster and has all the power needed for handling any sort of cargo, with dispatch; but the size of it suggests the necessity of bringing ships and cargo to it, rather than hauling it around from dock to dock. Captain Johnston will put it in order for early service.

Found In Fine Shape—

Oregon State Bank Examiner Jas. Steele, of Portland, yesterday closed a crucial examination of the books and accounts of the Astoria Savings Bank, and promptly congratulated Cashier Frank Patton and his colleagues of the directorate upon the splendid condition of the institution, not alone in the matter of exactitude and excellence of the accounting, but upon the safe disposition of its funds and the high quality of the securities behind every cent of the great trusts it is conserving in the course of its business.

Cause For Disgust—

W. F. McGregor who, with Senator Scholfield and Clark Loughrey, spent the whole of last week in the Nehalem country, looking for bear, and deer and any other sort of game, without ever so much as a glimpse of anything of the sort, was disgusted beyond measure yesterday morning, as he came up from Sea-

side to his daily run of business, a beautiful young doe came out of the brush near Carnahan station and played alongside the rushing train for some little distance to the delight of every soul on board but him; for the antlered beauty, having caught the Collectors' eye, deliberately winked at him, whisked her tail, and bounded back into the woods.

Fire Aftermath—

At 6 o'clock yesterday morning, a still alarm was sent in to No. 2 Hose, calling that apparatus to the scene of the Dunbar fire of Monday night, to put out some embers that had re-ignited during the night and might have spread in the early morning winds. Everything was made safe in a few moments. Aside from the losses sustained by the A. Dunbar company, it is credibly reported that Messrs. Johnson Bros., will sustain a loss of \$1800; Messrs. Scholfield & Matson, about \$500; and Mrs. Lash, \$300. It is now reported that Mr. Dunbar, after adjusting everything and clearing up the dismantled premises, will re-open his business upon a new and adequate scale.

His Trial Postponed—

Constantine Masters, the fisherman whose trial on a charge of having no license displayed on his boat was to have been heard yesterday morning, secured a postponement until his attorney returns. Geo. A. George of the Columbia River Packers' Association, appeared for the defendant, and explained that Masters had displayed a license, but it was not the right one. It was represented that he actually had secured a license in due form, and that it was only by a mistake that the wrong number was placed on the boat. Water Bailiff Settem, however, apparently was not willing to act on the suggestion that the case be dropped. G. C. Fulton is Masters' attorney.

Here For Business—

N. Glass, of the engineering department of the Pacific States Telephone Company, with headquarters at Portland, arrived here yesterday with the plans and specifications of the new telephone building of the company in this city. Mr. Glass met and conferred with a number of the local contractors and builders and to a number of them he gave a set of the "P. & S." with the request that figures be filed thereon, with Manager Brunold by Monday next. Mr. Brunold will forward the bids to the Portland office and from there they will go to San Francisco for final survey and orders; and the last word in this important phase will be here by September 1st.

Property Owners Pay—

The sum of \$6431.92 has been paid into the office of the city treasurer by property owners for improvements on streets within a short time, and this fact is taken as an indication that money is not very "tight" in the city of Astoria. It was not necessary to make the payments now, though thereby the property owners save the accruing interest by paying up promptly. Several of the streets upon which some of the heaviest payments were made have been completed not more than a few weeks or a month. The sum of \$1340.50 was paid on the Eighth street improvement, between Harrison and Lexington; the sum of \$1288 on Twelfth street, between Commercial and Duane, and the sum of \$823.71 on Eleventh street, between Commercial and Duane. On the sewer work on Eighth street \$938.97 was paid.

Will Offer Prizes—

Mayor Wise, chairman of the regatta committee, last night announced that a pennant will be awarded to the best appearing or the best decorated automobile in the parade on the afternoon of the opening day of the regatta. All owners of machines are cordially urged to enter into the parade, and every owner may exercise his own fancy in preparing his car for the display. The autos may be fixed up to represent battleships, or decorated with dandelions, or in any other suitable manner. To the

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winner will go a handsome silk pennant; a pennant which may be hung over one's fireside as a fine trophy of the 1908 regatta. The lodge, union, or society, which presents the best appearance or turnout will also be awarded a handsome banner or pennant, with the words "Banner Lodge" inscribed thereon. For the floats there will be three money prizes, for which either firms or individuals may compete. In first prize will be \$60, the second \$40 and the third \$20.

Who Has Some Books—

There is a little Finnish boy at St. Mary's hospital who likes to read during the long hours that he is compelled to pass in the big institution, and the nurses say it is hard for him to secure reading matter. Yesterday the boy said he can read English a little but he prefers something in the Finnish tongue. He was then poring over a Finnish paper, which is hardly just what a 14 year old boy would want. Enquiry at the public library elicited the fact that there are apparently no books in the Finnish tongue there, though there are a goodly number in several other foreign languages. At the hospital it is said that many of the patients are Finns, and perhaps some of the men and women of that nationality in Astoria may be glad to see that books and other reading matter are furnished for the hospital. It is probable some arrangement could be made with the Sisters. The little boy who wants books is a bright little fellow, evidently, and it is said that in a few months he may be strong and well.

Back From Europe—

Charles G. Palmberg, who with his wife and children, left here on March 10th, last, for a trip to their old home in Stockholm, Sweden, has returned to Astoria after five months of traveling and visiting in the east and in Europe. Mrs. Palmberg and the children are still in Stockholm and will not return before late in the fall. Mr. Palmberg expresses himself as immensely pleased with his outing, and yet glad to get back to the perfection of Astoria's summer, as he found the heat intense in the east and all across the continent. He looks well and says he never was better. Mr. Palmberg says Europe is wonderfully interesting in a historical way and has marvels of beauty and interest in the way of plans and buildings, and people; but that

America, is after all, the modern, the live country, and the one of absorbing concern to the business man the world over. When he left Sweden a wide-spread labor problem was afoot and the industries of the country were fast coming disorganized.

Did Some Lusty Yelling—

Yesterday morning early as Al Seafeldt was wending his way to his home at 1706 Harrison avenue, he heard some prodigious yelling as he approached the North Pacific brewery and instantly realized that someone was in period of some kind. Mr. Seafeldt at once began a careful search of the neighborhood, following up the cries as closely as might be, and finally discovered a man clinging to the piling below the north sidewalk of Franklin avenue, and begging for relief from a very trying position. In a few moments the man was hauled to the upper levels with a rope and some stout aid secured by Mr. Seafeldt from the night shift at the brewery, and he was taken back here and given the benefit of the genial warmth of the fire-room, and perhaps, a bit of other refreshment quite as congenial. The party had lost his footing on the net racks in the neighborhood and had fallen into the bay and swam to the piling where he had clung and yelled until the kindly interest of Mr. Seafeldt was bestowed upon him.

Hindus Will Live—

Emil Janssen, the men who cut and slashed five Hindus late Monday evening on Astor street, is still in the city jail, as there has been some delay in having him arraigned. District Attorney Howard M. Brownell said that he had not hurried in the matter inasmuch as he wished to make a thorough investigation of the affair before the preliminary hearing is heard. One of the five wounded men is in St. Mary's Hospital, and while he and perhaps one or two others are severely cut, their condition is not thought to be at all dangerous, unless of course complications set in. The wholesale cutting done by Janssen as told in The Astorian yesterday caused much comment on the streets yesterday, and a story was told that Janssen had once before been in a cutting scrape. It is said that he stabbed the sheriff at Seattle at one time though the accuracy of the story is not known. The Hindus are determined to prosecute the case,

and have offered to bring an inter-
preter here from Tacoma if neces-
sary. It is understood that efforts are being made to procure a defense for Janssen, also.

Should Be Remedied—

The Astoria & Columbia River Railway and the O. R. & N. people have both conceded special Regatta rates to Astoria for the 27th, 28th and 29th, that, of themselves, are quite satisfactory to all concerned; but there is one feature of the concession that should be remedied before the rates become operative, and that is that they be made applicable for the day preceding the opening of the regatta, and not let it stand for the first day which will be absorbed by the visitor from abroad in traveling to the port and cause him, and her, to lose the opening festivities. It strikes many people that the change could be made by both companies without seriously affecting their interests for that brief season. The A. & C. officers here claim that it is an open rate for five days and that they cannot, in justice to their business, change the date; and that the records of their office indicate that no considerable number of persons have ever utilized the special rates of the past on the day before the regatta opening. However, they might try it on once, even if it is an "open rate" to the beaches for one day longer than usual. Astoria will see to it they don't get by to the coast during the regatta hours. The O. R. & N. concession is of really less avail to Astoria, since it is applicable on the first day, by boat, and as no boat gets down till late in the afternoon and does not run direct to this city, anyway.

WELCOME FOR ATHLETES.

Each Olympic Contestant Will Receive A Gold Medal.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Plans for the reception to be tendered the returning Olympic athletes are nearing completion. It has been decided to present a gold souvenir medal to each member of the team regardless of whether they were winners or not. Five thousand copies of a printed appeal to the most prominent and influential men of the country for funds for the celebration will be sent out today.

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